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Enquiry re The Chinese Red Cross Society

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Red Cross Society of China
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE



*Mr. Shen Tun-ho, Vice-President
and the Members of the Hospital
Committee of the Red Cross Society
of China beg to request the honour
of your presence at the Inauguration
Ceremony of the Society's Summer
Diseases Hospital to be held on Thurs-
day the 10th July, 1919, from 4.30-5.30
p.m., at No. 316, Tientsin Road,
next to the East Entrance of Louza
Station.*

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H.B.M. Consulate General,

Shanghai.

February 1st, 1919.

My dear McEuen,

I have to thank you for your
letter of January 30th with the very interesting
report on the Chinese Red Cross Society.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



K. J. McEuen, Esquire,

Captain Superintendent of Police,

Shanghai.

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Sir Everard D. H. Fraser, K.C.M.G.,
H. B. M. Consul-General,
Shanghai.

My dear Sir Everard,

Confidential.

In regard to your letter of January 18, addressed to Captain Barrett, various enquiries were requested and amongst them a report on the Chinese Red Cross Society was asked for. I now have to convey to you the following information, but may state that there is no record here of the Police having been asked in October 1917 to report on this same subject.-

The Russo-Japanese war having brought home to Chinese the importance of the medical branch of armies in the field, Messrs. Li Hai Huan (李海寰), a former Taotai of Shanghai, and Shen Tan Ho (沈敦和), who came into prominence as a result of his humane treatment of foreigners during the Boxer Rebellion, decided to start a branch of the Red Cross Society in China. They enlisted the services of Dr. J. C. Ferguson, an ex American missionary, who is now adviser to the Central Government, and established an office in Peking with a branch in Shanghai. The society was a very humble institution at first but its influence soon spread, and branches were established in various parts of the country. Probably for the first time in the history of China, the Red Cross made an organized attempt to relieve distress caused by famine, etc.

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The reputation of the Red Cross has suffered considerably in late years. Chinese, who previously had great faith in the probity of its officials, now doubt their honesty. There seems to be some ground for these suspicions, and it is known that Shen Tun Ho some months ago paid \$5,000.00 to an ex employee, who is said to have threatened to expose irregularities in the administration.

Yours sincerely,



Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

29th January, 1919.

REPORT ON The Chinese Red Cross Society, at Request of British Consulate.

Made by D.S.I. Givens. Forwarded by Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

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The Red Cross Society continued to prosper and gained in public esteem to such an extent that for several years some of the most highly placed natives and foreigners in this country associated themselves with it as members of its various committees, and as a result of their exertions it was recognized by the Geneva Convention in 1906.

The British and American residents have from the beginning taken the lead among foreigners assisting in the work of the Chinese Red Cross. Germans do not seem to have ever been prominently associated with its activities, but a

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Chinese named Woo Ching Chung (吳敬仲) who is compradore of Voelkel and Schroeder, German pharmacists, undoubtedly has considerable influence in its administration.

The local officials of the Chinese Red Cross are at present as follows:-

Li Hai Hsuan (呂海寰), President for China, resident at Peking.

Shen Tun Ho (沈敦和), Vice President, resident at Shanghai.

Dr. B. Y. Wong (王培元), Chief Medical Adviser at Shanghai (educated at Tientsin Medical College).

Woo Ching Chung (吳敬仲), compradore of Voelkel and Schroeder, secretary and director at Shanghai.

The Society has at present a contract for medicinal requirements with the following firms:-

Voelkel and Schroeder,

J. D. Chang & Co., Ltd., 83 Nanking Road,

Anglo-Chinese Dispensary, and

The Shanghai Dispensary.

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The statement that the police were asked for a report on the Chinese Red Cross in October 1917 does not seem to be correct. This is the first time that this office has been

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requested to furnish information on that subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. J. J.

Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Officer.

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U.B.M. Consulate General,

Shanghai.

January 18th., 1919.

Dear Captain Barrett, MA

The Consul General would like the offices of L. Everett, 1A Jinkes Road, to be watched for a week. He used, as you know, to aid the enemy actively, and a reference to visits to him in your report about C.R.B. Bryant makes it look as if he may still be playing tricks.

The following is from a despatch from Hangchow:- "A mysterious individual calling himself a mining prospector, and purporting to have Dutch papers, arrived at the Settlement on the 7th instant and thrust himself upon the hospitality of several British subjects, who declined to have anything to do with him. I have been unable to learn his name but strongly suspect that he is a prostitute German." Is anyone known to you and answering to this description missing from Hong Kong?

Yours,